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SUBJECT: ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

- 1. IN CALL ON CHAIRMAN OF GOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD NGIAM JULY 2, E/C COUNSELOR WAS TOLD THAT INDONESIA IS ONLY COUNTRY WHERE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT IS WELL ADVANCED. OTHER FOUR ARE STILL IN PREFEASABILITY STUDY STAGE, AND PHILIPPINE PROJECT IS DEAD OR NEARLY SO BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN THE PRICING STRUCTURE OF PHOSPHATES.
- 2. COMMENTING ON GOS DIESEL PROJECT, NGIAM SAID PLANT WILL MANUFACTURE DIESELS IN THE 200-2000 HP RANGE, REVERSING EARLIER PLANS TO TURN OUT ENGINES FROM 5 HP UP.
- 3. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOS IS OBVIOUSLY HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ITS PROJECT; ORIGINAL GOS SECNAIRO CALLED FOR JUST-CONCLUDED ASEAN ECON MINISTERS' MEETING TO DECIDE ON PREFERENTIAL RATES OF DUTY FOR SINGAPORE'S DIESELS SO GOS COULD BEGIN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOREIGN INVESTORS. OTHER SOURCES HAVE TOLD EMBASSY ASEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECT HERE WILL BE LIMITED TO 500 HP DIESELS AND UP; SINGAPOR'S ASEAN PARTNERS ARE OBVIOUSLY UNWILLING TO CEDE THE LUCRATIVE AUTOMOTIVE ENGINE SEGMENT OF THE DIESEL MARKET. MEMCON BEING POUCHED. HOLDRIDGE

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